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VIA HAND DELIVERY

David Waddell, Executive Secretary Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37238

Re: Petition for Arbitration of an Interconnection Agreement Between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Docket No. 00-00053

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Pursuant to Rule 1220-1-3-.03, BellSouth requests that the Authority conduct a mediation for the purpose of attempting to resolve the issues in this proceeding by agreement of the parties. I have notified Mr. Henry Walker, counsel for Intermedia, that BellSouth would make this request for mediation. I have not yet heard whether Intermedia will agree to participate.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Guy M. Hicks

GMH:ch Enclosure

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on October 30, 2000, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties of record, via facsimile, hand delivery, overnight or U. S. Mail, postage pre-paid, addressed as follows:

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